

BOROUGH OF ALDEBURGH

ANNUAL REPORT

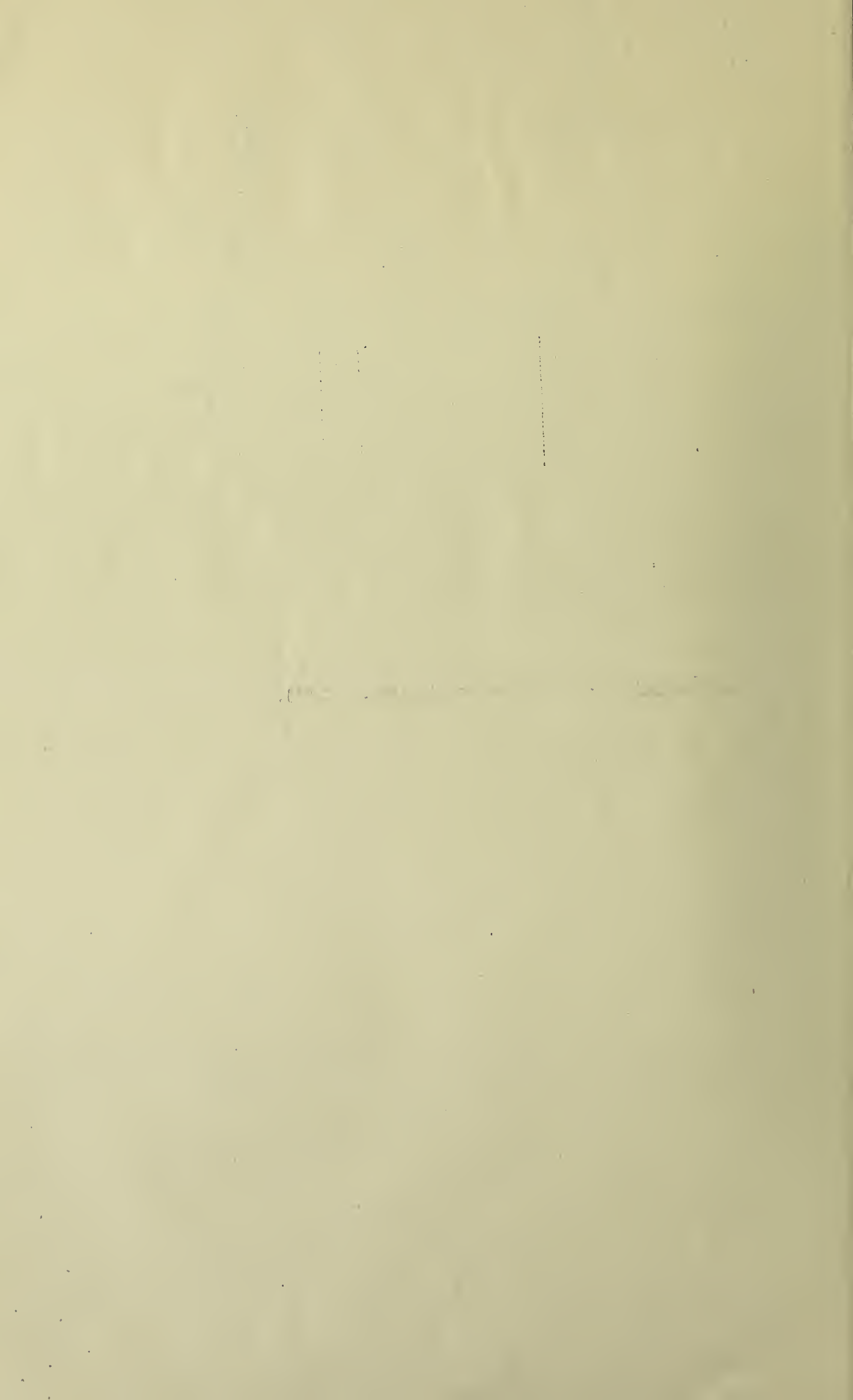
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF

HEALTH.

FOR 1945.

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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the
Borough of Aldeburgh.

This is my twenty-ninth Annual Report and as it deals mostly with Statistics, I think it best to present it as soon as possible even before I have received the yearly instructions from the Ministry of Health. The only figure there can be any doubt about is "Inward Deaths" and for that I should have to wait two or three months.

I am greatly indebted to the Food Office for their helpful co-operation.

They were able to give me my figures for the population of Aldeburgh and also a list of those I require for my Returns for Diphtheria Immunisation of children under five years of age. From these I was able, for the first time, to be accurate about the Inward and Outward Births.

The figures received from the General Register Office were :-

Age 0 - 4 (inclusive)	197.	5 - 14 (inclusive)	216.	:	413
Were really	"	176.	"	"	244. : 420

Perhaps in future the Ministry of Health will help Medical Officers of Health to get their figures from the Food Offices.

STATISTICS:

Population:(Dec.) Food Office figures ... 2,045.

Number of Inhabited Houses:

On Rate Book in 1945 ...	869
Empties ...	104
	<u>765</u>

Rateable Value:

Estimated March 1945 ...	£22,802.
Sum represented by penny rate...	£78.

General Rate, 14/6 in the pound, of which 11/6 is for the County Council.

<u>Live Births:</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate ...	11	12	23
Outwards	2	3	<u>5</u>
			18
Inwards ...	9	7	<u>16</u>
			34
Illegitimate ...	3	2	<u>5</u>
			39
Outwards ...	2	0	<u>2</u>
			37
			<u>TOTAL ...</u>
Rate per thousand population ...	18.09		
(Rate for England and Wales - see last year)	15		

Still Births:

For the second year running there have been no Still Births.

Deaths: M. F. TOTAL.

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Crude Death Rate 10.75. ~~plus~~ England and Wales 11.9 last year.

Infant Mortality:

There was one death, a boy of eight months died from shock following scalds caused by accidental upsetting of a bowl of boiling water.

Rate per 1,000 Births ... 27.

Rate per England and Wales in 1944 was 46.

Causes of Death:

Apoplexy 5, Senility 4, Bronchitis 4, Heart 3, Cancer 2, Tetanus 1, Lymphadenoma 1, Misadventure 1, Encephalopathy 1.

Ages at which Death occurred:-

Under 1	-	1	65 - 69	-	3
40 - 44	-	2	75 - 79	-	4
45 - 49	-	1	80 - 84	-	5
55 - 59	-	2	85 - 89	-	2
60 - 64	-	2			22

The average age for each death was M. 68.7.

f. 62.7.

Of the twenty-two deaths, eleven of them were seventy-five or over.

Table of Cancer Mortality.

<u>Region affected.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Average Age.</u>
Bowel	2	-	63.

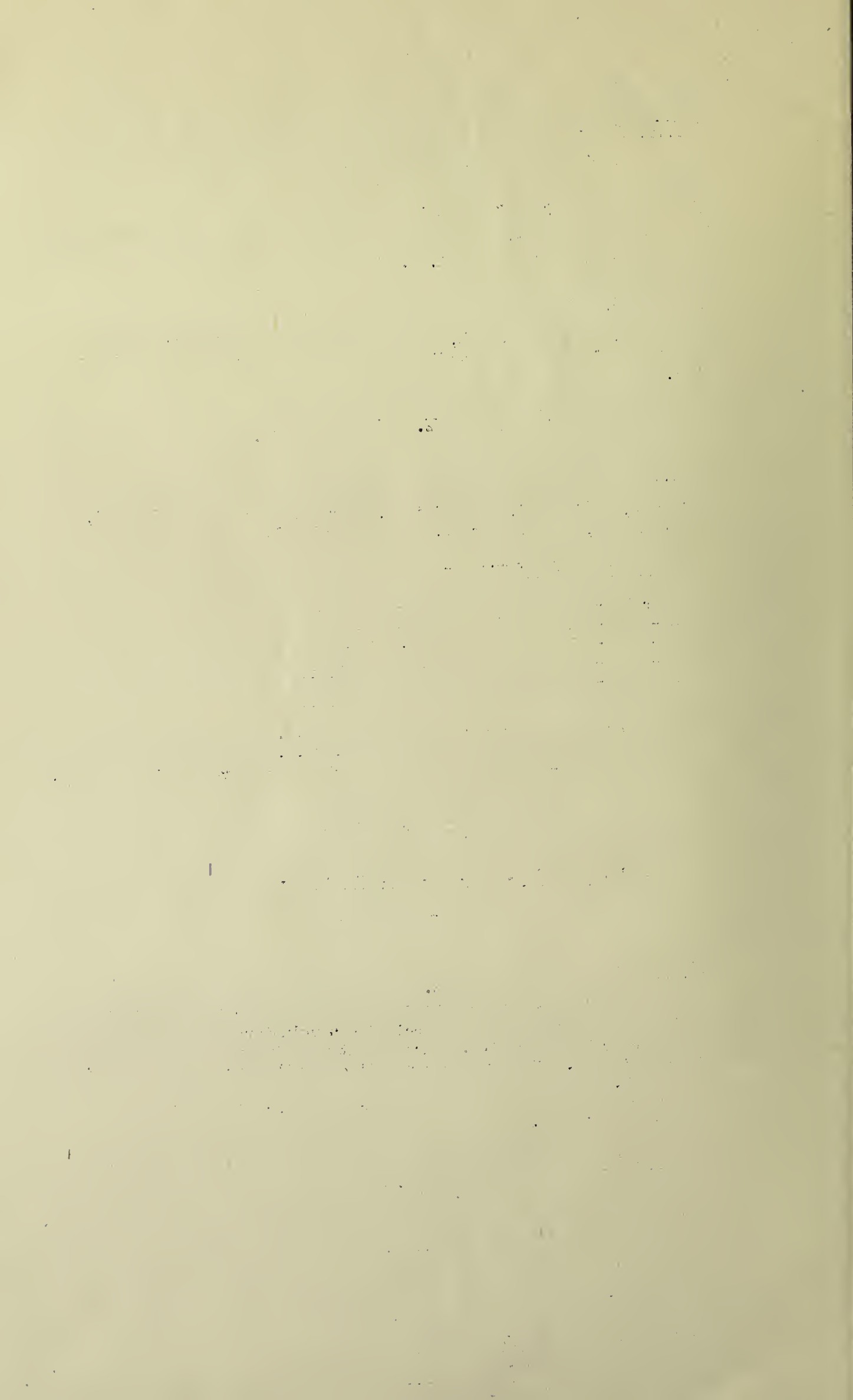
Nursing:

The District Nurse is supplied by the County Nursing Association through the Aldeburgh Nursing Association a voluntary Society uncontrolled by the Aldeburgh Corporation. Nurse Grant is a fully trained Nurse as well as a Midwife. She has a car and lives at the Nurses Home opposite the Hospital.

Her Area extends to Friston but her work there is not included in the following figures.

General Nursing:

	<u>1944.</u>	<u>1945.</u>
Number of Cases	86	83
Number of Visits	1487	1976
Midwifery Visits	331	200
Maternity Visits	102	539
	<u>1920</u>	<u>2715.</u>
nine months		



Confinements:

<u>1944.</u>	<u>1945.</u>
26	25

Maternity Work:

The New Cottage Hospital is not available for confinements so mothers who prefer hospital accommodation have to go to Ipswich or Eye.

The District Nurse attended twenty-five confinements seventeen as a Maternity Nurse, but twice she had to act as a Midwife and eight times as a Midwife, having to call in a Doctor on two occasions.

Infant Welfare Works:

	<u>1944.</u>	<u>1945.</u>
Sessions held	52	52
Total attendances	1133	1515
Infants under 1 year	304	411
" 1 - 5 years	829	1104
First attendance		
under 1 year	28	43
" 1 - 5 years	9	26

Water:

One sample was sent up for Chemical and Bacteriological examination and the report was quite good.

Rainfall:

A study of the Rainfall on the last page of my Report shows that that year has been a very dry one, nearly three inches below the average of the last seven years but still not so dry as 1943.

Temperature:

The mean average Temperature for 1945 is considerably above the average of my records, and I see that at Ipswich, except for 1941, is the highest of all their records.

Mosquitoes:

At a Public Health Committee Meeting held on October 1, I was asked to make enquiries as to the Mosquito Nuisance and to report thereon.

On November 12th I reported that as a result of my inquiries I was unable to say whether the Nuisance was more marked than it was in 1941 when Mr. P.G. Shute visited Aldeburgh on September 9th and issued his Report on the subject. He then advised an attack on the adult mosquito with "Flit".

Mosquitoes: (Contd.)

As new ~~Insecticides~~ ^{Insecticides} have been discovered I consulted Mr. Shute on the matter, and on October 19th he informed me that he had been experimenting with D.D.T. for some time and there is little doubt that this is very successful against the Adult Mosquitoes and Flies. As a Larvacide it is equally successful, but has not the same lasting power as it has against the Adult Mosquito. For this district, where Anopheles Maculipennis are abundant, spraying the cowsheds, stables and pigsties with D.D.T. will, if carried out efficiently and over a period of time, completely control this species without other measures being taken.

A gallon of Vermicine and Flyquit has been purchased but at present we have not a satisfactory Sprayer.

Schools:

The attendances are better than last year.

Luncheons are now cooked in the new kitchen fitted with Electric Heaters, and the meals served look excellent.

	<u>Av. No.</u> <u>on Books.</u>	<u>Av.</u> <u>Attendances</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
1945	179.6	156.9	86.9
1944	181.1	153.3	84.5

Housing:

No new houses were built during the year. The Post-War Housing Programme is progressing slowly and the plans for ten houses have been approved.

Diphtheria Immunisation:

Below are the half-yearly official Returns:-

<u>Immunised</u>	<u>June 30th.</u>	<u>Dec. 31st.</u>	<u>Total since start.</u>
1 - 4 years	30	21	239
5 -15 years	-	1	126
<u>Population</u>			
1 - 4 years	145	139	
5 -15 years	221	244	
<u>Percentage</u>			
1 - 4 years	91	91.3	
5 -15 years	97.7	97.95	

Babies under one year are not included in the above. If they were the percentage in December would be 85.5.

I still have eleven parents who object.

Infectious Diseases:

Measles 26, Scarley Fever 3, Pheumonia 6, Whooping Cough 1, a female aged six.

Age Distribution:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Measles</u>			<u>Scarlet Fever</u>			<u>Pneumonia</u>		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
0	1		1						
1	4	4	8				1		1
3	2	4	6	1	1				
5	3	7	10	2	2		1	1	
10	1		1						
40							2		2
50							1		1
70							1		1
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	10.	16.	26.	-.	3.	3.	2.	4.	6.

Tuberculosis:

	M.	f.
Pulmonary	38	27
(Ages)	54	-
	79	-
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	3	1 = TOTAL 4.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

C.D. SOMERS,
Medical Officer of Health.

Rainfall in inches by Mr.
G.E. Sunderland-Taylor

January	1.75
February	1.78
March	.94
April	1.64
May	2.11
June	1.91
July	1.41
August	2.39
September	.94
October	1.24
November	1.35
December	2.48

19.94

1944	22.14
1943	18.18
1942	23.27
1941	23.48
1940	22.73
1939	30.08

Temperature in degrees Fahr.
by Mrs. Gimson

32.37
43.85
46.3.
49.1
54.77
59.8
63.38
61.6
59.5
54.56
46.3
40.2

Mean Annual
Temperature 50.97

49.6
50.49
48.55
48.5

Average seven years 22.83.

